

ABSTRACT

Title: The interest in outdoor activities of students from selected primary schools in Kladno district, by gender and residence

Objectives: To find out which outdoor activities students from selected primary schools in Kladno district are interested in, specifically which outdoor activities they do and which they would like to learn. Furthermore, to find out what experience with outdoor activities students have and to compare results by gender and place of residence.

Method: The research has been performed by quantitative method. To support gathering and collecting necessary inputs specific questionnaire was compiled for students of the 9th grade of primary schools. The research sample consisted of 204 respondents. Gathered inputs have been graphically processed and evaluated.

Results: Primary schools offer to teach their students outdoor activities more during sports courses, school in nature and school trips than in physical education classes. Most of these students have experience with outdoor activities from school events, mainly with hiking, alpine skiing and motion games in the natural environment. More students have experiences with outdoor activities from outside the school than from the school. Most of the students do outdoor activities, the main performed activities are hiking and biking. The research has also shown some differences between boys and girls and between students from Kladno and students from surrounding villages. Boys are more interested in outdoor activities than girls and students from Kladno are surprisingly less interested in outdoor activities than students from surrounding villages.

Key words: Outdoor activities , Leisure time, Students, Primary schools